(b) whether it is a fact that the aforesaid committee has made certain recommendations to remove disparity in pay scales, allowances and promotional avenues for Doctors working in CGHS; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time-frame by which Government propose to implement these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary (Health) to look into the career improvement of employees possessing professional qualifications of Autonomous|Statutory Bodies, including Subordinate offices of ISM and H.

(b) No Sir. The terms of this Committee did not include Doctors working in CGHS. Another Committee under the chairmanship of Shri R. K. Tikku, Secy. (Coordination) in Cabinet Secretariat had made recommendations about Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy doctors working in CGHS.

(c) The Committee referred to in (a) above submitted its report on November 20, 1991. It is under consideration. It will not be possible to prescribe any time-frame for implementation of the recommendations of the committee, as many organisations are involved and these have financial implications also. The recommendations of the Tikku Committee referred to in (b) above have been accepted and mostly implemented.

गर्भ-निरोधकों की घटिया किस्म

970. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान तारीख 7-1-1992 के दी इंडियन एक्सप्रेस में देश में बनाए जा रहे घटिया किस्म के गर्भ-निरोधकों के बारे में छपे समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने घटिया किस्म के गर्भ-निरोधकों का उत्पादन रोकने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए हैं ?

स्वास्थ्य और कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती डी.के. तारादेवी सिद्धार्थ) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) कंडोम का वर्तमान स्वीकार्यता गुणवत्ता स्तर औषध और प्रसाधन सामग्री अधिनियम, 1945 की अनुसूची "आर" में उल्लिखित है । अनुसूची "आर" के उपबंध देश में इस्तेमाल के लिए कंडोमों की गुणवत्ता की अपेक्षा को ध्यान में रखते हुए बनाए गए हैं देश में बनाए गए कंडोमों की गुणवत्ता, घटिया नहीं है क्योंकि यह समय-समय पर यथासंशोधित औषध और प्रसाधन सामग्री अधिनियम 1945 की अनुसूची "आर" में निहित उपबंध के अनुरूप है ।

National child immunisation programmes

971. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that World Health Organisation has recommended that Hepatitis 'B' be included as the seventh vaccine in all national child immunisation programmes; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The Executive Board of the W.H.O. on the advice of the Global Advisory Group on Expanded Programme of Immunisation, recommended that all countries, which have a prevalence of more than 8 per cent Hepatitis 'B' carrier, should introduce Hepatitis 'B' vaccine in their Immunisation Programme.

(b) There is no plan to initiate routine immunisation with Hepitiis 'B' vaccine in India, because of inadequate epidemiological data regarding prevalence, high

cost of the vaccine and the fact that this vaccine is not indigenously produced. However, vaccination of doctors and other staff facing the risk of infections are advised for immunisation against Hepatitis 'B'.

Facilities by private hospitals to vulnerable sections of society

972. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ten prestigious private hospitals in the capital were allotted vast areas of land on nominal prices and also allowed to import without any duty (high tech) medical equipment from foreign countries on the condition that 25 per cent will be reserved for weaker sections and other 25 per cent subsidised for the economically poor and also free services in O.P.D. for patients of indigent category; and

(b) if so, whether these private hospitals are observing the condition, which they had agreed to enforce?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) As per the information received from Delhi Administration, certain private Institutions in the capital have been allotted land at concessional rates. These institutions are, therefor, expected to render free OPD and IPD (Indoor-patients) services to patients belonging to economically weaker sections of the society. As regards custom duty exemption, the notification No. 64/88-Cus. dated 1.3.1988 issued by Ministry of Finance stipulates that the hospitals and institutions availing custom duty exemption for the import of equipment are to provide 40 per cent of the services in OPD free of cost and 10 per cent of beds are to be reserved for free treatment of poor patients.

(b) Delhi Administration have informed that the concerned private institutions have been doing free OPD work. Now they have been asked to provide free services to indoor patients also. A system of reference from Govt. hospitals has been instituted by Delhi Administration in order to ensure that the private hospitals/institutions availing customs duty exemption do the requisite free work as prescribed in the notification of the Ministry of Finance.

Holding of Shikayat Adalats

973. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shikayat Adalats are being held by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare;

(b) if so, what is the purpose and scope of such Adalats;

(c) what is the composition of the Adalat;

(d) what is the date of commencement of these Adalats and what is their frequency;

(e) what are the details of achievements of these Adalats;

(f) when the next adalat is scheduled to be held, indicating the date of last such Adalat;

(g) whether any publicity is given to holding of such Adalats; and

(h) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (h) A 'Shikayat Adalat' was constituted in this Ministry on 11.9.89. The constitution and scope of the Shikayat Adalat may be seen at Statement. (*See* below). A meeting of the Adalat was held on 8.6.90, wherein members sought certain clarifications/information. The Deptt. of Public Grievances have been asked to clarify the points raised by the members.